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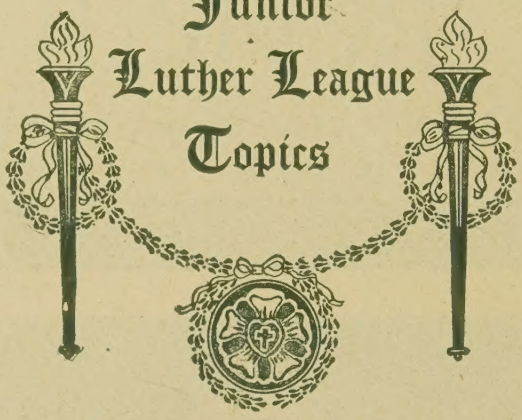

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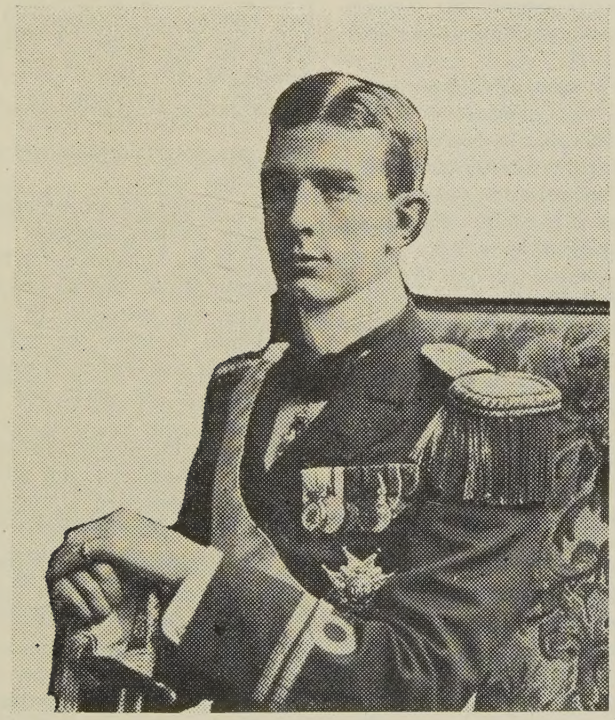
Prince Wilhelm's Visit

BY H. E. EILERT

THE recent visit of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden to the United States is another notable example of the passing of the old and he awakening to new ideas of things. The ducation of the "heir apparent" of any enlightened sovereignty is no longer centered in the contemplation of the Divine Right of Kings, but rather does it consist of an intense, practical and thorough study of the "business of governing." In its curriculum, personal observation and experience, not etiquette and official reports, are the principal elements, because the problems of statehood are now the problems of the nation's practical social, industrial and financial life.

The real significance of the visit possibly will never be known to the public, nor may the great good that results ever be fully appreciated. It is safe, however, to conclude that not alone the satisfaction of curiosity or even the broadening influence of travel were the ends sought. The main purpose, no doubt, was to do what every enlightened monarch in the world today longs to do—to observe and contemplate the condition and actions of his own people under Democratic government. In



his own kingdom this subject is at this time receiving considerable attention. Within the last decade the tide of emigration from the Northland has increased to such an extent that an official inquiry is now being held concerning the conditions of the Old and the attractions of the New World.

By coming in an unofficial capacity the Prince was able to mingle freely with the people and to study them and their condition, unhampered by the etiquette and ceremony to which his rank entitled him.

In entrusting to the care of our people his grandson and heir, King Oscar has again given a token of his friendship and confidence. In the short stay on these shores the Prince exhibited many excellent traits that will go far to help him in his work as ruler of a people who have within the memory of almost the youngest of us given to the world a most worthy example of calm temper, namely the division of a kingdom without the shedding of one drop of blood.

While our Swedish countrymen have every reason to feel proud of the Prince there can be no shadow of a doubt that he had reason to feel proud of them, for the wholesome and enlightening example they have set, the progress they have made and the ability they have shown in this, their adopted home.

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Personal Dealing

Many years ago Mr. Gladstone heard of two young men in the village who had become notorious for their drinking habits, and he determined to make an effort to save them. He invited them to see him at the castle, and there, in "the Temple of Peace," as his library was called, he impressively appealed to them to change their ways, and then knelt with them, and fervently asked God to sustain and strengthen them in their resolve to abstain from that which had hitherto done them so much harm. The sequel cannot be told better than in the language of one of the men concerned, who says: "Never can I forget the scene, and as long as I live the memory of it will be indelibly impressed on my mind. The Grand Old Man was profoundly moved by the intensity of his solicitation. My companion is now a prominent Baptist minister, and neither of us has touched a drop of intoxicating drink since, nor are we ever likely to violate an undertaking so impressively ratified in Mr. Gladstone's library."—*Western Christian Advocate.*

Lutheran Summer Assembly

The first Lutheran summer assembly in the East was held at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa., August 7 to 18. The place of meeting was ideal. In the auditorium, in the large dining hall and on the shaded campus there met a harmonious and happy family with Dr. and Mrs. Campbell at the head. The social feature of the assembly thus became a very important part. About 300 persons registered at the office, among whom were seventy-five clergymen. From points outside Mechanicsburg there were present about 250. The following States were represented: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

The program prepared by the committee was very appropriate, and compared favorably with those of the leading summer assemblies of our country. The devotional services conducted by Rev. Wiles, of Pittsburg; the Bible studies by Dr. Coover, of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg; the choral hour, Dr. Fischer, of Shamokin, conductor; the lectures, addresses, entertainments and sermons were of the highest order.

Many Lutherans are rejoicing that the first Lutheran summer assembly has been a success; that the foundation for this much needed institution of our Church has finally been laid, and that the assembly, by unanimous vote, determined to make the organization permanent. Since the wisdom of establishing such an institution in the East has been recognized and proven, ministers will doubtless lend their influence to the greater success of the enterprise, and intelligent and wideawake laymen will avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered to establish an institution that will be a great blessing to our Church and country.

The next assembly will be held July 30 to August 8, 1908, at a place to be selected by the general committee.

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The General Synod has thirty congregations in Allegheny County, that is the territory of Greater Pittsburgh. Of these thirty churches twenty-seven are the direct fruits of Home Mission work. That is a progress worthy of highest commendation. There are many cities where a proportionately large work can be done. Real missionaries to go like Paul and enter and capture the cities for Christ and Lutheran Church is our present urgent need.

Direction of Lay Activity

BY REV. M. E. McLINN

NO more important question can arise for our consideration than this—the direction of our lay activity, especially our youth, and especially in these days of so large a number of untrained, undisciplined and ecclesiastically idle youth. The ministry is in a large measure overworked. No one person alone can do the work of the individual church. If they did try, it would be to make an effort, even as pastor, to pull singly the whole load of idle membership, and both the carrier and the carried would find it profitless to the last degree.

The very purpose of union with the Church in salvation is to lead out into service. Saved to serve, without which the work will not be done, character will not be formed, strength gained nor Christian qualities developed. The laity form, after all, the bone and sinew, the hope and power of the Church. How intensely we ought to emphasize this with regard to our young people.

In our subject for today it is presupposed that these laymen, and especially the young, are to be workers—ever advancing and developing workers. Work—what a perennial nobleness about it, and most especially for God. It quickens faculties; it cleans off rust. This development, according to its governing laws, presupposes a germ which is there by baptism, to be made to grow into a full, strong and perfect life. So in the Church they are fastened, planted and trained; around them is the atmosphere, the sunshine and the showers. Within them the purposes, powers and faculties of a new being, starting to unfold under these genial influences. Developing is unfolding as a flower. Only here are not inanimate objects, but the heart with its love, the thought with its power, the will with its consent and energy, and all in a responsive soul, a rational being, a living person, who voluntarily yields and renders love, desire, ambition and co-operation. It is a splendid work to thus develop Church workers—enough to enthuse us. But how shall we develop and bring forth this array of lay talent?

I should say there must be an intelligent grasp, a clear apprehension of the work to be done, not just in its entirety, but in its details, by the leaders and authorities in the Church today. When the farmer or employer or foreman goes forth with his men in the morning to work, the particulars of that work have been previously canvassed, and he knows where to begin and what to do and where each one is to be placed as the blue print is unrolled and studied, and the machines made according to the carefully wrought drawing. So we must know our *work,* and the delicate question of personal and special adaptation to work must be understood and mastered. We do not put a blacksmith to build a house. Make haste slowly. Itemize the bill. Sort out, arrange, classify, study natures, capacities, etc., and then go forward, not ceasing, not discouraged, until our lay element is well at work and we see the process of development under way. Our laymen, and especially the young, must be aroused and stirred up to be a reading people, a knowing people, because informing themselves; and that word *"informing"* is suggestive—a building up within. We cannot know until we *read.* Habits of observation must be cultivated, to see about us. Our reading must not be neglected. It is of prime importance. Reading makes a full man. Our young people must know our Church—her doctrines and her purpose, her work in all its ramifications, her possibilities with her own and those she ought yet to bring or gather in.

There must be begotten by and with this reading a keen sense of our needs, a sight of our work, an enthusiastic eagerness to do something.

But another point is a new, intenser interest in church work and missions. They must be convinced of the joy and blessedness of church work. No business to be carried on so enthusiastically. Not to the neglect of earthly business. Oh, no. More diligence there; but do this work for the Lord with the greatest joy and energy. There is a young man whom I have often met, doing business in Sunbury, Pa., a member of the League of Williamsport, whose happy face I like to look into. He is a business man of industry, push and success, but he is none the less earnest and diligent in the Lord's work. How many men are wearing out with the stress and strain of unremitting toil and deep thought in business life. I have them in my mind now. Is not the secret of better health, happiness, strength and success to do more for God and consecrate their tal-

ents to Him? A business man in a certain city was asked to take a Sunday school class. "Oh, no; I have no time to prepare; too tired," etc., but after much solicitation he did, and rose earlier in the morning, took a little time through the day, and that preparation and teaching led him out into a larger, more thoroughly developed life and being, and greater joy and nerve for business. It was medicine and joy and education. The Church must not languish. We must take up this work and get a larger and fuller obedience to Christ's last great command.

We would be amazed at the talent and results of activity if we could get it moving. Our churches, then, must be more and more spiritual workshops. We want more prayer, more faith, more spirituality. "Master, wist," etc.

Church fellowship must be sweetened, its clasp tightened, its power intensified, its impulses directed, its joys realized, its fruitage materialized in an expression for Church and God.

What is this church fellowship? To be fellow members and workers in a glorious cause, bound together by bonds of love, only to show how free, how self restrained from wrong, how prodigal of liberty dispensed. Only to strive out, send out, carry out the light, love and saving power of Almighty God.

It must increase a sense of individualism. You are the man! No hiding in the stuff. Come out and meet the call and do better, truer work than that tall hesitator and disobeyer. The nation is just what its individual life stands for.

The Church is what the singleness of membership, life, and conduct, and zeal, and Christian character reflects; its individuals in righteousness, strength, spiritual force. Our lay and young people must feel their responsibilities. Our forefathers labored and taught, suffered and died for posterity; shall we now curtail and destroy the gifts for them? Shall we see the folly of Belshazzar in not guarding and defending and multiplying what Nebuchadnezzar had gained?

Is it not incumbent to advance and multiply and spread? We are in the twentieth century; the glory of the nineteenth still shines and its victories inspire! But can we compare, shall we not say, contrast? Our young laymen stand for it all. Say it humbly and do it for and with God—fields white, etc. Who will reap and gather to life, etc. It must be a utilizing of individual ability. Separate streams in Rockies are stoped and led out, like elective study in college. Choose and prepare for your life work. You have power; use it for God. Let it not be with shame to unroll the talent from the napkin, but to get the words "Well done."

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To Make the World Better

BY L. M. ZIMMERMAN, D.D.

Never mail a letter written hastily when you were in temper. Lay it aside for the night and dream over it. You will most likely make some changes in the morning and perhaps not send it at all.

Never do an ungracious deed, for in the end you will regret it. Let the other person act ugly, but as for yourself always be a gentleman, a lady.

Never speak ill of another's good name, nor herald abroad evil gossip. Once you have spoken the slanderous word, you can never more recall it, even though you strive to do so with tears and penitence.

Never treat unkindly another because he or she may not happen to belong to your creed or faith. Rather show the goodness of your belief by acting the true and nobler part of life, a real child of God.

Never speak when you are angry, for you are not then your real self, and what you say at such times will most likely misrepresent you and will do you an injustice. Besides, it may cause the heart of another to bleed.

Never let the sun go down upon your wrath, for anger is a wretched bed companion, which never gives pleasant dreams. Besides, you are not sure of the morrow that you will have an opportunity to be at peace with the one you feel unkindly toward.

Never allow a day to pass by without doing something toward making others happier and better. In helping others you help yourself, and will at the same time glorify your Father in Heaven.—*Lutheran Observer.*

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The work of the Luther League is a continuous campaign of education to acquaint our laity with our own Church, its history, its doctrine and its usages. It is also a movement for a more thorough acquaintance of our Lutheran brethren throughout the country. In this effort to educate the young people of the Church the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW holds an important place, and should be read by each one interested in this great movement.

Luther League Topics for 1907-1908

BY THE TOPICS SECRETARY

OUR worthy president, Mr. Wm. C Stoever, in his last biennial report, offered the following recommendation, which was unanimously adopted by the national convention at Canton, Ohio, last year: "That the 'Topics' be simplified, both in subjects and in treatment, so that they may be better adapted to all classes and conditions." The committee on reports and resolutions of that same convention (after making some changes in the list of themes offered by the Topics Committee for 1908 and 1909, recommended the adoption of the scheme of Topic themes reported by the Topics Committee. The convention unanimously adopted the same.

The Rev. F. P. Bossart, having resigned his position on the Topics Committee, the Executive Committee appointed the Rev. John Bramkamp, pastor of Calvary Church, Chicago, to fill the vacancy. Pastor Bramkamp will therefore prepare the Daily Readings beginning with Advent, 1907.

During the five years just closing, we have followed, in the doctrinal topics, a course of study based on Luther's Small Catechism:

1903—The Law.
1904—The Creed.
1905—The Lord's Prayer.
1906—Baptism and Confession.
1907—The Supper and the Church.

With the new year we begin a study of the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession, using introductory and concluding lessons with the twenty-one doctrinal articles as Topic themes. As this makes only twenty-three subjects to be scattered over two years, our Leaguers will notice that there will be a much smaller proportion of doctrinal topics than before, in accordance with the instruction for simplification.

With the above, following the general policy of the past six years, we will have historical, missionary and practical topics woven into the series to give variety and prevent monotony in our Luther League meetings. The historical themes give us a picture of leading events and persons in the Church's history. The missionary subjects will keep our youth posted as to the wonderful work and opportunities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of many lands and tongues.

Nor has our Lutheran principle of observing the Church year been neglected. For all the leading festival days suitable Biblical Topics have been selected. For the vacation months, July and August, a practical series is arranged. A new feature in this year's scheme is the assignment of a series of devotional topics to the Sundays of Lent, based on the Meditation of Gerhard, a book of our Luther League Reading Course.

In the Topics, the Luther League discovers the center of its influence and power. For, in the weekly devotional meetings, the individual members are trained. And whatever is conducive to the spiritual development of the local Leagues is of interest to the movement at large, synodical, State and national. Hence the Topics must be regarded as the real key to the situation. Together, let us work for their improvement, for the very highest standard of excellence.

We wish to thank all the writers who have been and are assisting in the preparation of the Topics and REVIEW articles, and assure them that the Luther Leaguers all over the land appreciate their labors of love.

ADVENT, 1907.
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

I. Doctrinal.—ARTICLES OF FAITH, WHY NECESSARY? I Peter 3:15-16. Titus 2:1-2.
II. Missionary.—THE LUTHERAN, A MISSIONARY CHURCH. Rev. 3:7-13.
III. Doctrinal. — AUGUSBURG CONFESSION, ART. I, OF GOD. Exodus 3.13-15. I John 5:4-12.
Christmas. Biblical.—THE STAR OF JACOB. Numbers 24:15-24.
End of Year. Devotional.—"NUNC DIMITTIS." Luke 2:25-35.

EPIPHANY, 1908.
January 5, 12, 19, 26. February 2, 9, 16, 23. March 1.

Epiphany Week. Biblical.—THE THREE KINGS. Matthew 2:1-12.
I. Missionary.—LUTHERANS IN JAPAN. Acts 10:30-35.
II. Practical.—CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTABLE PRAYER. John 16:23-33.
III. Historical.—WM. TYNDALE, TRANSLATOR OF ENGLISH BIBLE. Nehemiah 8:1-8.
IV. Instructive.—PRIVATE BIBLE STUDY: DEVOTIONAL. Psalm 119:97-104.
V. Instructive.—PRIVATE BIBLE STUDY: DOCTRINAL. II Timothy 3:14-17.
Septua. S. Instructive.—PRIVATE BIBLE STUDY: PRACTICAL. Acts 17:10-12.
Sexa. S. Practical.—DENIAL OF SELF. Matthew 16:24-27.
Quinqua. S. Practical.—INTELLIGENT BENEFICENCE. II Cor. 9:1-7.

LENT.

March 8, 15, 22, 29. April 5, 12.

I. Devotional.—THE ADVANTAGES OF TEMPTATION. James 1:2-12.
II. Devotional.—THE CULTIVATION OF TRUE HUMILITY. John 13:12-17. I Peter 5:7.
III. Devotional.—THE BENEFITS OF TRUE REPENTENCE. Matt. 4:17. Psalm 51:10-12.
IV. Devotional.—THE SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT OF THE GODLY. Matt. 5:6. John 6:48-59.
V. Devotional.—CONSOLATION FROM CHRIST'S PASSION. Isaiah 53:1-12.
Palm. Biblical.—CONFESSING CHRIST. Phil. 2:5-11.

EASTERTIDE.

April 19, 26. May 3, 10, 17, 24.

Easter. Biblical.—KNOWING THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION. I Cor. 15:12-23.
I. Historical.—LUTHER, THE AUTHOR. Jeremiah 36:1-26.
II. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. II. ORIGINAL SIN. Ps. 51:5. Romans 5:12-14.
III. Missionary.—YOUNG MEN FOR THE MINISTRY. Isaiah 6:1-8.
IV. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. III. CHRIST, HIS PERSON AND WORK. John 1:14. Heb. 1:1-3.
V. Historical.—GUSTAVUS VASA. II Samuel 2:1-7.

THIRD QUARTER.

May 31. June 7, 14, 21, 28. July 5, 12, 19, 26. August 2, 9, 16, 23.

Exaudi. Practical.—CHRISTIAN HOMES. James 1:22-27.
Whitsun Day. Biblical.—A PENTECOSTAL OUTPOURING. Joel 2:28-32.
Trinity. Missionary.—MISSIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. Acts 8:26-39.
I. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. IV. JUSTIFICATION. Hab. 2:4. Rom. 3:19-28.
II. Practical.—A HIGHER TYPE OF PIETY. James 1:17-27.
III. Practical.—VOICES OF HISTORY (National). Psalm 147:12-20.
IV. Practical.—INNER MISSION WORK. Matthew 25:31-40.
V. Practical.—CHRISTIAN SIMPLICITY. I Peter 2:1-5.
VI. Practical.—CHRISTIAN SOCIABILITY. III John.
VII. Practical.—THE JOY OF SERVICE. Psalm 100.
VIII. Practical.—REACHING THE UNSAVED. John 3:1-17.
IX. Practical.—PERSONAL CONSECRATION—CHRIST IN YOU. Romans 8:1-11.
X. Practical.—CONSCIENTIOUS WORK. I Cor. 9:24-27.

FOURTH QUARTER.

August 30. September 6, 13, 20, 27. October 4, 11, 18, 25. November 1, 8, 15, 22.

XI. Historical.—PAUL TO CONSTANTINE, 325 A. D. Rev. 2:8-11.
XII. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. V. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD. Romans 10:13-17.
XIII. Missionary.—THE LUTHERAN HOSPICE. Luke 10:33-37.
XIV. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. VI. THE NEW LIFE. Matt. 7:15-23.
XV. Historical.—CONSTANTINE TO BERNARD, 1100 A. D. Rev. 2:12-17.
XVI. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. VII. THE CHURCH. Eph. 2:19-22.
XVII. Missionary.—LEGACIES TO THE CHURCH (Home Missions). Acts 4:31-37.
XVIII. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. VIII. EFFICACY OF THE MEANS OF GRACE. Matt. 13:24-30, 23:2-3.
XIX. Ref. Week. Historical.—BERNARD TO LUTHER, 1600 A. D Rev. 2:18-29.
XX. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. IX. BAPTISM. Acts 2:38-41. Titus 3:4-7.
XXI. Missionary.—GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS SOCIETY. Acts 8:5-17.
XXII. Doctrinal.—Augs. Conf. Art. X. THE LORD'S SUPPER. I Cor. 11:23-29.
XXIII. Historical.—LUTHER TO MUHLENBERG, 1750 A. D. Jeremiah 1:4-10.

Sunday Less Restful

Business is becoming more and more exacting, and all the time additional guards are being put up against indulgencies that tap the responsibility, reliability and strength of men gathered for the care and conduct of business. The hum of machinery has broken the quiet of Sunday; there are many workers and there is much of distraction. The pity is, to be sure, that there is so much of foolishness, so much of weakness, and so much of sin given the company of a day of rest—as to that matter, of any day. Only this we know, that the law has not saved Sunday; out of our experience we may well question whether it can.—*Sioux City Journal.*

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Why the Answer Does Not Come

Because God can do better than we ask, God must often decline to do what we ask. And God never withholds the answer to any prayer of any child of His but for one reason: in order that He may do better for His child than that prayer asks. Then it is that our faith is tested, and we must be willing to have it tested. For we ought to have learned by this time that, as we could receive the gift of the Son of God only through our faith, so God's other richest blessings must come to us in that way. May we not be joyously patient, then, while we wait for His better answer to that prayer which we have been making for a blessing that seems to us just now the greatest blessing He could send? He is withholding it only that He may send a better.—*Sunday-School Times.*

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"A Christian man's life is laid in the loom of time to a pattern which he does not see, but God does, and his heart is a shuttle. On one side of the loom is sorrow, and on the other is joy; and the shuttle, struck alternately by each, flies back and forth, carrying the thread, which is white or black, as the pattern needs. And in the end, when God shall lift up the finished garment, and its change ing hues shall glance out, it will then appear that the deep and dark colors were as needful to beauty as the bright and high colors."—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

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The fact that there are things which *must* be done strengthens all the virtues in our life; for they insist that we shall do our best. Idleness does not know the sweetness of the pleasure of doing right each day.

Luther League of Illinois

Thirteenth Annual Convention, at Elliot, August 27, 29.

BY MINNIE M. STOHR

THE thirteenth annual convention of the Luther League of Illinois, held near Elliot, August 27-29, in Pontoppidau Lutheran Church, Rev. J. Lonne, pastor, stands unique for enjoyment and profit in the annals of the State League.

The "Country Convention," held out among God's green, peaceful fields; away from the clamor and unrest of the city; among a people whose hearts and homes reflect the bounty of God's love, was to all who attended it an inspiration to nobler living, higher ideals, and deeper spirituality. At every session of the convention the church was filled.

OFFICERS OF ILLINOIS STATE LUTHER LEAGUE.

Standing from left to right: L. M. Kuhns, Alexander Nelson, J. C. Strand, C. K. Solberg, J. H. Hauberg. Seated, left to right: Miss Stohr, C. T. A. Anderson (president), Miss Stut and Miss Swanson.

The church was beautifully decorated with the Luther League colors and emblems, and a great profusion of flowers. The generous hospitality of the people in entertaining will long be gratefully remembered. Much credit is due Pastor and Mrs. Lonne, who by their tact and untiring energy, did so much to make the convention a success. The Pontoppidau choir, with the soloists, also did much toward making the convention enjoyable.

The convention assembled on the morning of Tuesday, August 27, and continued Wednesday and Thursday.

"Work, Watch and Wait," the convention topic, struck the keynote for all the sessions, the papers and deliberations being earnest and reverent throughout.

First Session

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. Lars Harrisville, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Chicago. Rev. Hainsville said in part:

> The first qualification for a successful Luther League is a living faith—a faith which shows in our lives. This is a faithless generation; one given to biblical criticism and the flinging aside of the old standard in religious things; a spirit which has entered even our churches. The Luther League must stand as a mighty tower against the invasion of this spirit.
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> The second qualification for success is Prayer. A great danger for the Luther League lies in the social and literary society. Let the Christian spirit domin ate in your League. The third qualification: enthrone Love. Put Christ above all. Without love we are nothing. Love all.

Second Session

Rev. J. Lonne, in behalf of the congregation, delivered an address of welcome to the convention. Mr. C. T. A. Anderson, president of the Luther League of Illinois made a graceful response.

Reports were heard from the officers and standing committees, all of which were encouraging. The statistical report showed eight Districts affiliated—a gain of one over 1906, and 133 local societies, with a membership of 6,654. The treasurer reported a balance of $37.41. A letter of greeting from the

League of the English Lutheran Church in Porto Rico, organized by our former co-worker Miss May C. Mellander, was read.

The greetings and good wishes of the convention were extended to the newly organized League and to Miss Mellander.

A greeting and commendation was also extended Mr. August Johnson a Luther Leaguer of Chicago, who goes to China in the near future as a medical missionary. It was reported that one young lady has entered the diaconate during the past year. An open parliament, where some vital questions pertaining to League work were discussed, was conducted by General Secretary, Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

Third Session

Tuesday evening the convention listened to an address on "Our Lutheran Heritage." In pleasing style, and with power, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., of Chicago, traced the various heritages which have come down to the Germanic races from their Teutonic ancestors.

Strong physical bodies as a foundation for true manhood and womanhood; intellectuality which has produced in the Lutheran ranks the deepest thinkers, the greatest scientists, the broadest philosophers, and the strongest theologians which are known to history, are among the gifts. The German races believe in educating the heart as well as the head. No true Lutheran is satisfied until the Law and the Gospel have permeated his whole life. No church does so much for the young as the Lutheran Church, or appreciates childhood as she does. The Lutheran Church has given the world more and greater hymns and devotional books than any other church.

Fourth Session

The first paper on the convention topic—"Work, What, When and Why?"—was given by Mr. Raymond O. Hansen, social secretary of the Y. M. C. A., in Chicago. He said Luther Leaguers must do personal work, and do it in the Lutheran way. He contrasted this with the superficial and impertinent kind of personal work which we often see going on about us.

Prof. I. M. Anderson, of Rock Island, discussed the topic, "Work, When, and How?"

We should work with persistent, long-continued effort. Youth is impetuous and easily daunted by failure. Will and work in faith, the Lord will provide a harvest. Minister continually. Every day we find new avenues of work. We need consecration of heart. Work quietly. Let the Bible teach you how to work.

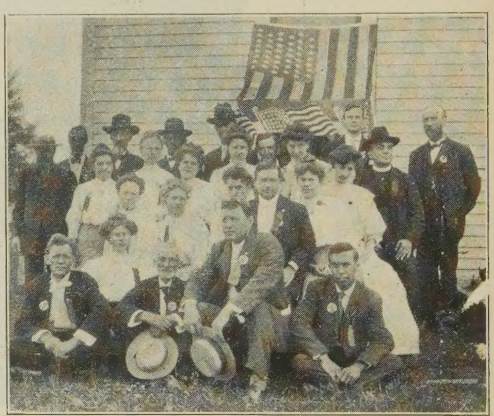
The discussion of these papers led by Rev. Davey, of Chicago, brought out the need for workers whose service consists not only in going to church, but in serving during the week as they have been taught on Sunday. The personal worker is the connecting link between the church and those outside. A round-table, conducted by General Secretary Kuhns brought out many practical suggestions for local League work. A local League must be (1) a spiritual organization; (2) a practical organization. Meetings must be of a devotional nature. In committee work choose chairmen carefully. Put only workers on committees. President must see that work is done. Success depends upon the man behind the gun.

Fifth Session

A paper on "Watch, What and How?" was given by Mr. Fred Roth Webber, of Decatur.

The Luther League should have watchfulness. It should fear the friendship of the foe, for the enmity of the foe is not half so dangerous as his friendship. Watch the interests of your Church. Be informed on what your Church is doing.

"Do We Need a Spiritual Awakening in the Lutheran Church?" was the subject of a paper written by Rev. G. K. Stark, of Evans-



GROUP OF DELEGATES AND SPEAKERS.

ton, and read by Rev. C. K. Solberg, of Chicago.

The Lutheran Church infuses new piety into life, and understands the way of salvation better than any other church. Yet we constantly see our baptized children falling from grace. We have many members who are morally good but whose spiritual life is lukewarm. We have many idle ones in our Church. These are spiritually dead. We need a revival of good works. We should hold evangelistic services during Lent. The Lutheran Church goes about its missionary activities in a quiet way, but it must bring in outsiders. The Bible warns us against lukewarmness and formalism.

Sixth Session

The address at this session was delivered by General Secretary Rev. L. M. Kuhns. He spoke of the opportunity and responsibility of the Luther League in this land.

Church operation is advantageous in all lines of business; we need to co-operate for spiritual advancement and for effective service. If we would enlarge the Kingdom of God we need to embody in our work

two principles: (1) co-operation, (2) federation. Then we must equip ourselves for service and make leadership in education our aim. The Luther League gives opportunity for training and experience. A spiritual preparation is the best preparation for work in the Church. When we have spirituality we can be sure of nearness to God. A wave of morality is sweeping over this country. We need a keener sense of commercial integrity and a deeper feeling of honor in places of responsibility. To do our duty—and a little more—makes a successful life. The demand of our age is for homes and for the restoration of the family altar. A nation never rises higher than its homes.

Seventh Session

Two papers were given on the third division of the convention topic. "Wait, in Faith and Prayer" was discussed by Rev. R. O. Sigmond, of Chicago.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find. Every battle is fought in the closet before it is fought in the field. Christ on the Cross was the perfect example. The parables enjoin prayer. Abraham waited twenty-five years before Isaac was given him. The Israelites waited forty years in the Wilderness. Prayer should be conditioned; as thou wilt in the name of Jesus.

Mrs. Josephine Dornblaser, of Chicago, took up the subject: "Wait for Results and Reward."

First work and watch, then wait. Results will follow. If we do good, good will result. A mushroom springs up over night—it takes an acorn years to grow into an oak. Men are willing to wait for temporal rewards, should not we for spiritual rewards? Outer results may be small but the inner growth of the soul brought about by the effort of service will compensate. Some of our work must be buried like seeds. It will spring up and probably bear fruit.

Eighth Session

The final business of the convention was transacted. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mr. C. T. A. Anderson, 601, 167 Dearborn street, Chicago; recording and corresponding secretary, Miss Alvina Stut, 114 Evergreen avenue, Chicago; statistical secretary, Miss Nellie Swanson, 982 N. Cedar street, Galesburg; treasurer, Miss Martha Weimar, 1052 Seminary avenue, Chicago; literature secretary, Rev. Carl Christenson, Chicago. Executive committee: Rev. C. K. Solberg, one year, 398 Potomac avenue, Chicago; Miss Minnie M. Stohr, two years, 606 Douglas avenue, Elgin; Mr. J. C. Strand, three years, 583 N. Hamlin avenue, Chicago.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was heard and thoroughly discussed. On their recommendation $35 was voted into the national treasury. It was also voted to take a special collection in all local Leagues for the benefit of the General Secretary Salary Fund.

The Credential Committee reported 84 delegates and more than 40 visitors present.

The Practical Work Committee appointed at the beginning of the convention for the purpose of ascertaining the extent, amount, and nature of the practical work done by the local Leagues, presented an interesting report, but for lack of time it was incomplete. The committee will report at the 1908 convention. After this session a reception was tendered the delegates and visitors by the entertaining League and congregation.

Ninth Session

The theme of the closing rally was: "The Threefold Look"—"The Inward Look: Know Thyself;" "The Outward Look: Know the World;" "The Upward Look: Know God." Rev. P. Peterson, of Rankin, Ill., in speaking on the "Inward Look" said in part:

Everybody is seeking after knowledge. We are seeking after two branches of knowledge; to know ourselves and to know God. We can never know ourselves and God fully here below. We must study ourselves in the light of the Word of God. We will learn that we are in need of God's mercy. Such knowledge will make us humble before God.

Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, D.D., of Chicago, spoke on the "Outward Look."

We are proud of our past, and we ought to be interested in our future. The young people are to

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make the future of the Lutheran Church, which means in a large measure to make the future of America. We need more men in the ministry because the world is in sin. There are one billion of people out of the Church. Pray for laborers to save souls. The Hawaiian Islands were civilized by the Gospel in twenty-five years. We need new recruits to win souls to God.

Rev. Paul Wagner Roth, of Elgin, spoke on "The Upward Look."

To know God is the greatest and most important thing about which the human mind can concern itself. Of what good is knowledge of ourselves and of the world if we have no knowledge of God? The greatest desire of the human race has always been to know God. Let us strive to know Him. Sacrifice for others is an evidence of a knowledge of God. The Inward Look and the Outward Look are hopeful only when connected with the Upward Look.

The convention in 1908 will be held in Chicago, the day before the National convention.

"And a Little Child Shall Lead Them"

Isaiah 11:6.

BY GRACE WEST

(Continued.)

THE heat increased considerably as we neared Colombo, until at noon it was stifling. Five o'clock in the morning found us entering the breakwater at Colombo. Two powerful revolving lights were stationed on the dock, and changing from white to red and to white again, they shone far out over the water. When the run rose there was a magnificent scene before us. There is a splendid harbor at Colombo, and besides all the smaller craft there were two Austrian Lloyd steamers, one English and one Russian man-of-war, and the "City of Hong Kong," which was to take the "Mikado's" passengers from Colombo to Hong Kong. The steam launches came to transfer us, but owing to a tremendous rainstorm which lasted two hours, we did not leave the "Mikado" until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Arthur had not been feeling well the last few days and neither he nor Mrs. Neville went ashore at Colombo, but went directly on board the "City of Hong Kong."

Mr. Learoyd and I went ashore after tiffin; stopped at the store in the Grand Hotel, where we purchased photos and souvenirs, and then walked to the market place, saw the forts and the native and European quarters.

When we returned to the ship in the evening, I discovered to my dismay that I had left my wallet at the hotel store. I returned to the store and found it closed. I engaged a bandy to go to Mr. Hill's (the manager's) house. After some trouble Mr. Hill was found. He directed me to Mr. Ritchie, in charge of the store. This gentleman lived outside the city near the toll gate. When we reached his house we found he had sent a pitchie (native) with my wallet to the "Mikado." By this time I began to despair of ever seeing wallet or steamship again. All the money I had was in that wallet. When we reached the dock where the "Mikado" lay we met the native and I obtained my wallet and reached the "City of Hong Kong" a half hour before she sailed.

While crossing of Bay of Bengal, the heat increased and the weather was close and muggy, and disagreeable. The "City of Hong Kong" was a faster vessel than the "Mikado," and the promenade deck was very long, eleven times up and down being one mile. Quite a few of the passengers had left us at Colombo, a number of Chinese merchants taking their place. I was awakened the first morning on the "City of Hong Kong" by a shuffling noise overhead. Going upstairs I discovered the Chinese sailors scrubbing the decks with bricks and sand.

Among the new passengers was a foreign missionary, Dr. Hasler, with whom I afterward enjoyed many pleasant talks. His experience in the Chinese mission field was very extensive. He was a man who, it seemed to me, was especially called of God to do the work he was doing. He had mastered the Chinese language thoroughly and so could bring to thousands of benighted souls the story of the living God.

You all know with what delight children listen to fairy tales. Such interest as other children of his age take in fairy tales, did Arthur Neville take in Dr. Hasler's accounts of his wonderful work. The child was old beyond his years. He was verily one of God's chosen ones.

Dr. Hasler conducted the service held the following Sunday. By some strange coincidence he took for his text the 92d Psalm, from the fourth to the eighth verse.

"For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works; I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

"O, Lord, how great are thy works, and thy thoughts are very deep.

"A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

"When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish, it is that they shall be destroyed forever.

"But thou, Lord, are most high forever."

Mr. Learoyd was an attentive listener, and I thought I could read his thoughts in his face. I was very much afraid that he was still "wondering."

It was that day I heard Arthur sing "I

Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." High and clear his voice rang out:

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright.
I looked to Jesus and I found
In him, my Star, my Sun.
And in that light of Life I'll work,
Till traveling days are done."

It was a peculiar thing that nobody had the power to move Mr. Learoyd like Arthur. I had spoken to him on religious matters several times and so had Mr. Hasler; but he had been as reticent as ever. It was very different with Arthur. I don't believe the child ever knew Mr. Learoyd's true attitude. Being so pure-minded himself, he never thought that anyone outside of the heathens, such as the Chinese in the steerage, did not believe in God. And I noticed that Mr. Learoyd was very careful not to tell the child that he did not. On the contrary he talked with Arthur for hours on this subject.

Passing through the Strait of Malacca, we went at half speed. The scenery along the Malay Peninsula was beautiful; a continuous stretch of lowland covered with luxuriant foliage; in the background was a chain of mountains, capped with clouds. Between 9 and 10 o'clock in the evening we passed through a fleet of fishing boats, the natives showing a light only when we were almost upon them and extinguishing it the moment we had left them behind, and the whistle had to be blown from time to time in order to warn them of our approach.

We reached Singapore at daybreak one morning. Mr. Learoyd had Arthur in his arms. He had not been well for a week; since we had left Colombo. The delicate child's indisposition had weakened him so he unable to walk. Mr. Learoyd made the kindest and tenderest of nurses. Early in the morning before the sun's rays emitted that sultry heat peculiar to that region, he walked up and down the deck with Arthur in his arms. Not that he was the only one anxious to do all he could for him. Even the Chinese sailors were, every one, his staunch friends, as were also the captain and the passengers. He had the same sweet smile for all.

Mrs. Neville was very anxious about Arthur's health and impatient to get to Hong Kong. The ship's doctor thought his trouble was due to the climate, and would probably disappear in a few days. There seemed to be no special ailment. Like some delicate flower Arthur drooped.

I was more anxious about the little fellow than I admitted to myself. I had planned with a party of fellow passengers to get off at Singapore to see the city, but had lost my interest now. The tide had not been suitable in the early morning for a landing, so the "City of Hong Kong" did not go into dock until 11 A. M. After tiffin I went ashore and hurried to the English quarters in search of a doctor. The first one I called upon, I found had been out of town for several days. The next one I went to had been called away. I left a request with the servant for the doctor to come on board the "City of Hong Kong" as soon as he returned. He was expected back at 4 o'clock. When I reached the boat I found Arthur no better, and the ship's doctor was himself a little worried. The "City of Hong Kong" was scheduled to leave Singapore at 5.30 P. M. We awaited the arrival of the doctor anxiously. The afternoon wore away and he did not come. The captain waited as long as the tide would permit, but at 6.30 the doctor had not come, the bells clanged and we steamed out into the China Sea. The weather cooled off somewhat the first few days. Then we had a violent rain storm and the heat was greater than ever. It was the heat that we dreaded for Arthur. We were but a day's journey from Hong Kong when the end came. Arthur had been unconscious for almost a day, but about sunset he opened his eyes and smiled. It was the face of an angel that lay on the pillows. Mrs. Neville buried her face in the coverings unable to speak. Arthur put his thin little hand on her hair and stroked it gently. Mr. Learoyd kneeled at the side of the bed looking at Arthur as though he thought the spirit would soar from the frail body if he moved his eyes but for a moment. He was the first to notice that Arthur's lips moved, and bent over him to hear; but his mother's ears were quicker. She fought back her grief and obeyed the child's last request to "pray." In a low trembling tone she began: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will——" Here she broke down and all that could be heard were her heart-breaking sobs; but another voice

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State Conventions

PENNSYLVANIA, Allentown, September 24, 25
IOWA, Thor, September 24, 25, 26
WISCONSIN, Kenosha, October 8, 9
MINNESOTA, Minneapolis, October 15, 16, 17
NEW YORK, Syracuse, October 29, 30, 31
NEW JERSEY, Jersey City, November 5

New York

The fourteenth convention of the Luther League of New York State will be held at Syracuse, October 29, 30, 31. The speakers and their subjects that can be announced at this date are as follows: Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, "Wanted—Leaguers Who Do"; Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D.,; Rev. Hugo W. Hoffman, Ph.D., "Soul Winning—The Supreme Duty of the Leaguer"; Rev. C. A. Ritchie, Convention Sermon, "Accepting Christ—A fact of Wisdom"; Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, "Justification by Faith"; Rev. Frank Wolford, D.D., "The Cost of Standing Alone"; Rev. U. H. Graves, "A Mooted Question—Practical League Work"; Mr. W. H. Rector, Binghamton, "The Junior League—Its Opportunity and How to Meet It"; Miss Clara Guelich, Utica, "The Junior League—Its Aim and Methods"; Miss Susan B. Grauer, Buffalo, "Local Adaptability"; Rev. Oscar Krauch, Albany; Mr. I. S. Runyon, New York City; Rev. E. H. Boettger, Toronto, Canada, "Thoughts from Canton."

After the opening session on Tuesday evening the Syracuse League will give the delegates and visitors a reception. All requests for information and hotel reservations should be addressed to Rev. William Grommish, 1008 Butternut street, Syracuse, chairman of the Committee on Entertainment. A very large and interesting convention is anticipated.

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It is stated that the religious, charitable and benevolent corporations of New York City together own real estate in the city valued at $280,000,000 exempt from taxation.

New York educators, after investigation, have figured that 12,000.000 school children in the United States suffer some physical defect.

New Jersey

The twelfth annual convention of the Luther League of the State of New Jersey will be held in Jersey City, Election Day, November 5, 1907. The sessions, both business and religious, will be held in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 33-39 Warner avenue, the Rev. John E. Heindel, pastor. The arrangements for the convention are beng perfected rapidly, and the indications are that it will be one of the most helpful conventions in the history of our State League. The program will be a most interesting one, full of helpful plans, thoughts and ideas, and of special benefit to the young people. The speakers chosen are men of eloquent address, among them some of national Luther League reputation. The convention will have for its motto and keynote, "Education—Energy—Enthusiasm."

The first session will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., afternoon session at 2 o'clock, and the evening session at 7:45 o'clock.

Each society is entitled to three delegates. Absent delegates are entitled to representation by duly accredited alternates. Names and addresses of the delegates and alternates should be sent, upon the blanks furnished, to Miss Augusta Neubeck, 46 De Hart place, Elizabeth, N. J., before November 3. Societies are requested to send full delegations to the convention. Statistical reports of the societies are to be sent to the statistical secretary, Miss Lena Block, 95 Garside street, Newark, N. J., before November 1.

Programs of the convention will be sent the societies prior to the convention, so that the delegates may acquaint themselves with it and be prepared to take part in the discussions.

Think of the convention, plan for it, come to it.

JOHN E. HEINDEL, President.
MAY S. BURKEMAN, Cor. Secy.

Luther League of Indiana

Tenth Annual Convention at Camden, August 21, 22

THE tenth annual convention of the Luther League of Indiana, held in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Camden, August 21 and 22, proved to be one of the best conventions of that organization.

A large audience gathered in the Church for the opening session Wednesday afternoon, Rev E. E. Derr conducting the devotional services. A very cordial welcome was extended the convention by the pastor of the Church, Rev. Morgan L. Webb. The president, Rev. W. J. Seiberling, of Mulberry, responded. Greetings and reports were given by the delegates of the local Leagues. After a talk by the General Secretary on State Conventions, reports of officers and appointment of special committees took place. The session closed with the benediction by Rev. C. E. Derr.

The evening vesper services were conducted by Rev. Derr, and after an anthem by the choir Rev. Luther M. Kuhns addressed the audience on the problem of "Spiritual Life," pointing to the life of Christ as being the only true and perfect one. He spoke of the life of the Church, and the great need of young people, with the proper training spiritually, to assist the elders in the furtherance of this great work. That it is the young man who does his duty and a little more, the man that finds privilege in duty, that makes a success of life.

A beautiful solo was sung by Miss Edna Robeson, and after the benediction the delegates all assembled in the lecture room of the Church, where a most delightful hour was spent. Refreshments were served.

The Thursday morning session was opened by Rev. Hiram Peters, of Frankfort. After the devotional services a business session followed at which the following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. J. Seiberling, Mulberry; recording secretary, Mrs. Dora A. Hansen, South Bend; corresponding secretary, Miss Emily Peterson; treasurer, Mr. Louis B. Mayne, Camden. Miss Josie Koons, of Mulberry, read an excellent paper on the "Exercise of Faith," in which she showed that just as bodily exercise is needed to keep the bodies and minds active and able to do our daily work, just so must we strengthen our faith by exercise in order to live a truly Christian life.

Rev. Webb then gave a short talk on the "Cause of Faith," which was inspiring in every part. Rev. Seiberling opened the discussion on "The Exercise of Faith." Rev. Boyer, of LaFayette, the statistical secretary, reported twenty-five Leagues in Indiana consisting of 901 members. The treasurer, Mr. Mayne, reported a surplus of a few dollars.

The Thursday afternoon session was opened at two o'clock, Rev. L. M. Kuhns conducting the devotional services. The following committees were appointed:

Extension—Rev. L. W. Steckel, Mishawaka; Rev. D. A. Loefgren, Michigan City; Rev. Morgan L. Webb, Camden; Miss Lola Gordon, Anderson; Miss Marie Hansen, Indianapolis.

Credential—Mrs. Dora A. Hansen, South Bend; Miss Emily Petersen, Porter; Mr Louis B. Mayne, Camden; Miss Bertha Ziebarth, Frankfort; Miss Flora Dock, Logansport.

Press—Rev. E. D. Boyer, LaFayette; Miss Mathilda Ganwer, Mulberry; Miss Ora Brookover, N. Manchester; Mr. F. W. Anderson, Laporte; Mr. G. W. Wingard, Camden.

Executive—Rev. Ed. Deer, Indianpolis; Rev. E. D. Boyer, LaFayette; Miss Anna Nackenhorst, Indianapolis; Miss Josie Koons, Mulberry.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows: "Resolved, That this convention recommend that the delegates urge their respective societies to raise and send in the 10 cents per capita for the general fund of the National League."

Having heard with deep regret that there are so few subscriptions to the Luther League Topics and LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW throughout the State:

Resolved, That this convention recommend and urge that the local Leagues through their respective corresponding secretaries, put forth a special effort to increase the circulation of these, our publications, during the coming year.

Resolved, That this convention express most hearty thanks and appreciation to the local League, congregation, pastor and all friends who have assisted in making our convention possible, pleasant and profitable.

A paper on "Works," by Miss Ora June Brookover, of North Manchester, was read by Miss Anna Nackenhorst, of Indianapolis. A

general discussion followed, opened by Mr. F. W. Anderson, of Laporte. Miss Marie Hansen then sang a beautiful solo.

A paper was read by Rev. Loefgren, of Michigan City, on "The Work of the League, Spiritual, Social and Financial." A general discussion was opened by Rev. Parker Conrad. The singing of the Rally Hymn closed the session.

The Thursday evening service was opened by Rev. Webb and Rev. Sappenfield. A beautiful anthem was rendered by the choir, and a solo by Miss Marie Hansen. Rev. Arthur E. Gringel being absent, the General Secretary gave the address of the evening using for his subject "Ideas." After this "The Te Deum Laudamus" was sung by the male quartet. After the offerings were received and final announcements made, the session closed with the benediction by the pastor *loci*. This convention was deemed by all as one of the most profitable ever held in the State.

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"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

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went on "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen." It was Mr. Learoyd's voice, and that peace which passeth understanding was upon his face. He had found the way!

In a little while Arthur spoke again, "Mamma, lift me up."

Mrs. Neville helped him to sit up. Her lips were moving and I caught the low tones "Thy will be done. Thy will be done. Thy will——."

A sudden wave of strength came over Arthur, and his voice rang out clear and distinct, "Look unto me. Thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."

Arthur Neville's morn had indeed risen, and his brightest day had come, for, as the last word left his lips, his soul was on the way to meet his Lord. But still another soul had found its Master, and that was Mr. Learoyd.

When I think now of the last day of that trip, it seems so unreal and so very far away. All the little incidents previous to that time stand out so distinctly, but the last day seems as though some one had mercifully thrown over it a veil.

We landed at Hong Kong the following day. The earthly remains of little Arthur Neville were laid at rest that evening. Mrs. Neville was completely prostrated.

A telegram called me to Canton next morning. I was detained there for many weeks. When I returned to Hong Kong I did not meet any of my fellow passengers of the "City of Hong Kong."

I went to the cemetery one evening. A white cross had been erected, bearing the inscription:

Arthur Neville, 12 years, 4 months.

"Look upon me. Thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."

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Book Reviews

THE ONLY WAY OUT, by Leander S. Keyser. O. L. Youngen & Co., Canal Dover, Ohio.

This is a healthful, invigorating story of college life. The leading characters portrayed are clear cut and wholesome, vigorous and sufficiently human. Cupid's part in the little drama is natural and attractive. The story has a distinctly religious moral, while it avoids preachment. With a freshness that is almost startling, the weak points of the skeptic's theory are shown. The element in the story that one regrets is there, is the apparent approval of sensational revivalism, but this regret is somewhat compensated by pleasure in the fact that the hero is not required to undergo instantaneous conversion.

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? Translated from the German of F. Bettex by J. F. Krueger. pp. 102. 55 cents. German Literary Board, Burlington, Iowa.

The writings of Bettex are all earnest and interesting, scholarly and popular. Their Christian character is positive and devout. Their method of treatment is always original, the material fresh and suggestive. He here grapples the supreme question for all men, and carries his reader (be he a believer or a skeptic) to strong convictions as to his personal relation to Christ. The translation has been excellently done. It is an excellent book, above all, to place into the hands of young people, that they may be able to give a reason for the faith that is in them.

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What a beautiful picture is it where father and mother and children are in the family pew each Lord's Day!

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Methods may change, but the Spirit does not; and if we would build solidly we must cultivate the spirit of reverence for the Word of God.

Luther League Topics

19th Week After Trinity. October 6, 1907.

Church Music

Eph. 5:19-21.

Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is Church music? Why should we use the music of our Church? How can we best secure the use of our Church music?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We dare not be indifferent to the best expression of true worship. We have a heritage in the music of our own Church, that is unsurpassed. The spirit of devotion is in the music of the service, of the chorals of the tones set to the Psalms, as well as in the words to which they are fitted. We show ourselves unworthy of our birthright if we throw away the pure, devotional music for the catchy, sensational, trashy tunes and jingles of the passing day, the music of which we grow tired almost before we have learned it. It is not a matter of no importance, the choice of the music in which our voices are to rise to the throne of God, bearing our praises and our prayers. Like everything else which is offered to Him, this must be of "pure gold."

2. It is worth the effort to make ourselves familiar with the true service music of the Church. The Lutheran congregation which does not use and cannot sing at least a considerable number of the old chorals, makes thereby a sad confession concerning its people —a confession either of poor taste or of culpable laziness. Not the easiest but the best music, is all that we have a right to offer to God. And the one objection that is made to the music which is properly that of our Church is its difficulty. If that were true it were no excuse, but it is not true, as any one may discover by teaching the children in the Sunday-school, or the young people in the League one of the melodious chorals, and observing how quickly they learn it, and how they love to sing it when learned. And after the first step, the others follow readily. No, it is our shameful negligence, our readiness to be discouraged without trying, our unwillingness to take the trouble to make a start, that is responsible for the almost utter loss of the best Church music ever written, in the great majority of our English congregations. Let the League lead in a reformation.

3. It is our duty to take part in the music of the Church. Congregational singing is the result of the Lutheran Reformation. If it were abandoned everywhere else it should still be a characteristic of Lutheran congregations. The lack of it is inappropriate in any worship, but nowhere so inappropriate and inexcusable as in a Lutheran church. What do you mean by sitting silent when it is the part and privilege of the congregation to voice its praise? Is it that you do not appreciate the giving back to you of the right to share vocally in the worship; or that you do not wish to be united with your fellow-Christians in the common praise; or that you have no praise in your heart and no desire to give God honor? Let us not disobey the Apostolic injunction, "Singing with grace in your hearts unto God" (Col. iii, 16).

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20th Week After Trinity. October 13, 1907.

Christian Giving

II Cor. 9:1-15.

Reviewed by Rev. W. M. Horn.

The life and property that men call yours belongs to another. You own none of it. You are simply a steward. It belongs to Christ. He paid for it with His blood. No matter whether it be a house, or a farm, or money, Jesus Christ made its owner and endowed him with all that he has.

Men hold the same relation to their time and property as a steward does to his master's. The Master is away; but in his absence the steward may not waste his goods. The Master will return and ask an account. If the steward has made only a bushel of wheat when he might easily have made two or three, he will have to tell why. In just such relation we stand to Christ. He asks not half of our time but all. It is in our power to withhold part or all of either, but we shall have to give a reason for it. The Master will ask an account when he comes. The steward may get his living from a farm, but the profit belongs to the master.

In the Old Testament times men were to give a tenth of their income to Jehovah. A great many Christians have adopted the same rule. Many a one keeps a regular account with the Lord on his books. Does this rule appeal to you? What you give must be deter-

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mined upon with the Master. No other has the right to interfere. But there are some principles to guide us. What we give should be proportionate to what we make. That all things may be done decently and in order, it should be a regular gift. Should any worthy object of the Church be refused support? It is as though one asked: If God asked you to give, should you refuse?

The gift should be willing. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." We make a mistake when we think that the Lord simply wants the money, no matter whence it comes. Jesus Christ *needs* nothing that we have. He wants it to come from a willing heart. The gift will be willing if the heart is in it. The heart will be in it if it is full of gratitude. The heart will be grateful when it has accepted the atonement of Jesus, and has given its time to Him because of the time He gave to it.

A life that is spent in the service of God—in bringing others to Him, and in pointing the way to the cross—is worth more than a million dollars. The Church can do without the money; she cannot do without the life. It was not the man who has given thousands but no time to the Church who, Christ said, was the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven, but he who should keep one of the least of these commandments and should teach them also.

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21st Week After Trinity. October 20, 1907.

The Common Service

I Cor. 14:26-40.

Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: Show the scriptural character of our liturgy. What is its historical authority? What are the practical reasons for the use of the Common Service? (See Lutheran Cyclopædia, and ask your pastor to direct you to other books and articles in preparing papers on these themes.)

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We ought to understand the service that we use. It is possible to be able to repeat from memory every fixed part of the liturgy, to know it perfectly, and yet to fail to see its beauty or to enter into its inner spirit. The Church which has the best and purest liturgy in the world, ought surely not only to use it but to use it intelligently. Do you understand the order and connection of the parts of the Chief Service, for instance? Do you see the worshipper, in the vestibule of the Temple, being cleansed from the soil of his contact with the world (Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness), then entering the door (Introit), and drawing near to God (Kyrie, Gloria, Collect)? Do you see how God comes to him, in the Word as it is read (Epistle and Gospel) and how he makes response in Versicles and Creed; how God approaches him again in the Word as it is interpreted and applied (Sermon), and how the worshipper offers, in his gratitude, himself (Offertory), his supplications and intercessions for his fellow-men (General Prayer), and his possessions (Offerings), and how, once more, God comes in His utmost grace, in the Sacrament of the Altar, and His child, lost in wonder and joy at the exceeding grace which has welcomed him into the very Holy of Holies, sings his Nunc Dimittis, utters his thanksgiving, and receives, as he departs, the Blessing of the Triune Lord? Do you observe how in this orderly, beautiful, spiritual service, man is lifted up, out of the depths, to the very mountain peak where his Lord is transfigured? How the gift of God calls forth the "sacrifice of praise" or of prayer, or of confession, and how each human response seems but the signal for some new divine bestowment? Do you realize the aptness of this liturgy, in these great outlines, to express the need and the experience of worship for all men, at all times, and do you recognize the provision that is made, in the changing introits, collects, lessons, etc., for the expression of the particular thoughts of the worshipping congregation in the varying circumstances of the changing times?

Oh, let us study our service so that we can appreciate it, and use it as the very vehicle of access to the throne of God for our yearning spirits. Thus it will grow dearer and dearer to us with each passing year as we worship through its hallowed sentences.

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Reformation Week. October 27, 1907.

Luther's Opposition to Fanatics

I Sam. 12:6-15.

Reviewed by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D.

Luther, the great reformer, dealt with all questions concerning our most holy religion seriously. When he had himself come to a knowledge of the truth it became his life principle to defend that truth against error of every kind. Being himself securely anchored in the scriptures his whole purpose was that men should learn to know and understand the teachings of God's word, and he was just as firm in combating those who took anything away from it as he was in combating

those who presumed to add to it. He was not an iconoclast denouncing and abolishing that which was unessential to salvation, although not directly taught in scripture, as long as it tended to edification, but on the other hand he vigorously attacked those who spent their fury on non-essentials and at the same time perverted some of the clear teachings of Christ.

A false teacher is not necessarily a fanatic, and on the other hand a person may be fanatical in his advocacy of the truth. Luther could tolerate neither heresy nor fanaticism, taking a firm stand against both, as the one would lead people astray and so imperil their souls, and the other was destructive of good order.

Religious fanaticism is intemperate zeal, frenzy of enthusiasm in the advocacy of some particular teaching, most generally a perverted notion with respect to the teaching of God's Word. Such fanaticism showed itself at the very beginning of the Reformation. Some who accepted the teachings of Luther that the Bible alone must be the rule of faith, who were anxious for a reformation of the Church and to see it freed from the tyranny of popery, impelled by a superficial study of the Bible, became restive because the progress of the work of reform was so slow and with fanatical zeal endeavored to forcibly hurry it along. Others, moved by jealousy of the great reformer, and in order to secure honor as leaders in the work, boldly attacked matters of little importance, but which would at once make a great impression on the common people. The latter were represented by Carlstadt, a professor in Wittenberg, who for a while worked hand in hand with Luther. Carlstadt was a very vain man and at the same time impulsive, and, hence, not at all fitted for cool leadership. The superiority and growing popularity of Luther greatly mortified him and he took advantage of a favorable opportunity, in the absence of Luther, to show his zeal in the new movement in a manner that threatened the destruction of a work so favorably begun.

When Luther was on the Wartburg, after the Diet at Worms, Carlstadt presumed to take the leadership at Wittenberg. The field was now clear and he determined at once to entirely revolutionize the Church and violently cast out everything that savored of popery. With impetuous rashness he carried the people, the council and the university into fanaticism destructive of good order, which threatened to defeat the work of the Reformation at its very beginning. Instead of moving along with caution, leading the Church back step by step to sound Christian principles, he at once cast aside the essential parts of the liturgy in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, thus throwing away the wheat with the chaff. He advocated the destruction of the images and works of art in the churches, and so worked up the people that the houses of priests were bombarded with stones and the services in the churches interrupted when not conducted according to the latest frenzy.

In the beginning of 1522 Thomas Münzer also appeared in Wittenberg and added fuel to the flames. He was a preacher at Zwickau who had joined a band of fanatics—afterward called the Zwickau prophets—who stirred up such a commotion that they were expelled from the city. In the midst of the confusion headed by Carlstadt and Münzer, Luther suddenly appeared at Wittenberg (March 6, 1522) and at once took the helm. For one week he preached every day in the castle church, and by his eloquence and tact gained the confidence of the people and restored order. While he sharply rebuked all fanaticism and disorder, his treatment of Carlstadt, who was the direct cause of it all, showed the nobleness of Luther's character as a Christian. He could not but deplore the misguided zeal of his colleague, but instead of demanding his banishment, or condemning him to the stake, as Calvin did in the case of Servetus, who denied the divinity of Christ, Luther dealt leniently with him. Carlstadt now for a while settled on a farm in the neighborhood of Wittenberg. When in 1523 he was made pastor at Orlamunde, he at once began to repeat what he did at Wittenberg. Münzer in a neighboring parish did the same thing, and soon the whole district of Thuringia was in uproarious confusion, so that in 1524 Carlstadt was banished from Saxony. Here Luther's forbearance again showed itself, so that through his efforts he was again allowed to return in 1526, but he was kept under strict control so that he could make no further disturbance of the peace. While Luther was forbearing with those people whose zeal got the better of their judgment, or who from ignorance were blindly led to disturb the peace in the name of religion, he, whenever occasion

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Editorial

Conventions and Workers

Conventions, state and district, can do much to help this year's work to success by emphasizing the importance of information and knowledge about the work. No young man would expect to succeed in a business or trade without studying the business from the bottom up, or serving an apprenticeship in his chosen trade. And yet many young men and young women expect to succeed in work in the League without learning anything about it from other people. They can, but they will grow old while they are learning by experience how to work rightly. What a fearful waste of precious time such a policy involves.

Conventions ought to discourage such a waste of time and energy. They ought to encourage their delegates to read the helpful literature that is published by the Luther League of America, especially the "Handbook" and the REVIEW. This literature gives practical, up-to-date help with all the problems the work presents. Officers should see to it that the "Handbook" is within reach of the delegates at conventions, and that some one is appointed to take and forward subscriptions to the REVIEW.

Shall the League Grow?

There remains no doubt that the Luther League is a force in the Church, and that its influence is for good. It has submitted to searching practical tests, and has been vindicated by every logical experiment. It is founded upon the principles that have stood the test of time and service in the Church, the principles of the Augsburg Confession. This foundation can sustain even greater growth than has come to the Church and the League up to this time. Whether or not the Church and the League shall experience this growth, depends upon the loyalty, faithfulness, and energy of the young men and women.

Learning Religion

A report recently published of mission work in China included the following paragraph:

"An account has reached us of a remarkable spiritual movement in western China, among the aboriginal tribes of the province of Kweicheo. For several years past, work has been progressing toward and among this interesting people, and now, a great reaping time has come. Recently, in connection with a single series of missionary visitation and examination, over one thousand men and women confessed their faith in Christ and were baptized. These persons were most carefully examined, and their understanding of the gospel seemed to be clear and sure."

Two particulars of this statement are worthy of attention. One is that "the work has been progressing for several years past," and the other is that "clear and sure understanding of the Gospel" was revealed, and that by the test of a careful examination.

Very patient and careful sowing this must have been—patient because for several years it

was kept up without a harvest; careful and thorough, as shown by the abundance of the harvest when the reaping did come. And then the manner of gathering—how sensible, and scriptural, too. Now glance at the practice of some workers among our "heathen" at home. An itinerant evangelist comes along, and by shout and popular song starts an excitement. A little swinging of the firebrand scares a few people, utterly ignorant of the Bible probably, into fits of fright at the impending doom the preacher pictures. They rush to cover and are "saved." Study of the scripture? Examination? None of them. Just "come and be saved," and they come. How? They are practically ignorant. Their "understanding of the Gospel" would not bear the test of the simplest, most elementary examination.

How distinctively different from this is the method which has just borne such fruit in China—patient education, extending over years if necessary, followed by a careful examination to demonstrate and strengthen knowledge. This is the method of the Lutheran Church, the method upheld and practiced in the Luther League. Comparing it to the Scriptures, we find it is God's way.

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Laymen Who Preach

A church newspaper recently related an incident of a number of young men having the tone of their conversation turned from "levity and profanity" to one of sense and moderation by an older fellow traveler, who made his influence felt, quietly and inoffensively, but firmly.

How many Christian young men and young women realize their responsibility of this kind? And how many who do realize it succeed if they try to do anything? Some think they cannot influence other young people to be serious and religious, others are very sure they can, and they attempt to, with more zeal than intelligence. Of course those who think they cannot never do; and those who are sure they can, often, perhaps generally, fail. Both are mistaken, and are about equally wide of the mark. The former ought to know that they have influence, and that it is their duty and privilege to use it; and the latter ought to know that unless they work with judgment and tact, and avoid offence, they may as well not work at all. One can never influence people whom he offends.

Let young people first discover their power, then studiously learn how to use it. A thunderbolt would wreck a whole room full of looms, but the same measure of electricity fed from a dynamo would set the looms all to weaving the finest fabrics. So a stormy protest might shock a distorted soul, but only the noiseless, yet powerful, spiritual dynamo can start it to weaving the thread of life into worthy and beautiful character.

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Commending the Pastor

Lutheran young people ought occasionally to say a good word to their friends and neighbors about the faithful, sound preaching of Lutheran pastors. It will not hurt the pastor, and it will help the Church. We have just as able preachers in the pulpit of the Lutheran Church in America as any denomination in the land, only we are so exceedingly modest in this respect that we seldom mention the fact. Some other intelligent people think we are blind to the sterling quality of our men in the pulpit. Try commending your pastor and his sermons to other people, and see what good results will follow.

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Contentment

A palace can be a burden. It has been reported that the owner wants to sell one he built for himself on fashionable Riverside Drive, New York. It cost the vast sum of $3,500,000. The land, an entire block, was bought from an orphan asylum for $800,000. The building cost $1,000,000. The interior work cost $1,500,000, and the decorations, with bronzes, statuary, paintings and marvelous furnishings, came to $1,200,000 more.

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The growth of healthy public opinion tends to righteousness. Like personal character, laid in the inherent and eternal nature of morality and religion, public opinion that amounts to anything must rest not on artificial but real reverence of God and His word.

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The use of the Luther League Topics will be found instructive and spiritually edifying. Their use will be found very advantageous to your society.

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Owing to the illness of our editor, Mr. E. F. Eilert, who has been confined to his home by an attack of typhoid fever, this number has been delayed. We ask our readers' indulgence.

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In Some of Our Large Cities

Greater New York.

—The German Lutheran Seamen's Mission of New York has secured a property in Hoboken, N. J., where it will establish permanent headquarters.

—Rev. Carl Zinnsmeister, pastor of the First Church, Nashville, Tenn., and formerly a member of the New York and New Jersey Synod, has been called to become missionary superintendent of that Synod.

—On August 3 occurred the death of Mr. Charles D. Boschen, who had been prominently identified with Lutheran Church life in this city for many years. His burial took place from St. Mark's Church on August 6. Among his many activities were official membership in the Board of Trustees of the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School and membership in the General Council Emigrant Board. He was the father of Mrs. John A. W. Haas and of George D. Boschen, formerly president of the Luther League of New York State.

—A Lutheran Church was organized Friday evening, September 13, at Coney Island. More than 100 charter members were enrolled, among whom are many of the most substantial business men of this well known pleasure resort. A board of nine officers was elected. The people have collected about $5,000 of a fund for a church building and plans for the building have been drawn.

Philadelphia.

—St. Luke's Church has secured as its pastor Rev. John W. Horine, formerly of Charleston, S. C., who assumed his new duties on September 1.

—Tent services are being held at Lansdowne and Sixty-first streets, West Philadelphia, under the auspices of Grace congregation and its pastor, Rev. Ferdinand Hesse, with a view of establishing a mission at that point.

—The late Rev. Dr. William Ashmead Schaeffer left an estate valued at about $45,000. To his wife he bequeathed $12,000, with a request that she finally will it to the Pennsylvania Ministerium. After several gifts to institutions of the Church, he leaves the remainder of his estate to his wife during her life, then to be divided among several church interests.

—The new Krauth Memorial Library at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, in Mt. Airy, is being equipped with a 1,500-pound bell, manufactured by the Meneely Bell Company, of Troy, N. Y., on the same general design as the 13,000-pound bell made by the Meneelys, in 1876, for Independence Hall, Philadelphia, which is the largest bell in Pennsylvania.

Chicago.

—Ground has been broken for the new chapel of the People's Lutheran Church, Rev. George P. Kabele, pastor. The location is at State and 110th streets, and the building will cost about $6,000. The congregation is about two years old.

—An $18,000 property has been purchased in the city of Chicago as the home for our Lutheran Mission to the Jews. The Rev. E. N. Heimann has for a number of years been in charge of this work.

—The Church of the Atonement has as its pastor the Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, who was installed July 14.

Washington.

—The Rev. J. G. Butler, D.D., has spent sixty years as a Lutheran minister in this city. During this time he has been Chaplain of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. "The Lutheran Evangelist," of which he is the editor, issue of August 8, contains glimpses of his life written by his son, the Rev. Charles Butler.

Trenton.

—Rev. J. H. Straw, formerly of Harrisburg, has become pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, beginning the work August 6.

Wilmington (Del.).

—Ground was broken, August 18, for a new church building for Holy Trinity Church, Rev. J. H. Main, pastor. The new building will be of marble and granite, with tower, and will cost about $12,000. The event was timed to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the first Lutherans in that vicinity.

Buffalo.

—Rev. G. W. Leisher has been forced, on account of ill health, to retire from the pastorate in this city after five years of successful work.

Erie.

—Rev. G. F. Gehr, formerly general secretary, of the Chicago Seminary, has become pastor of the Luther Memorial Church.

Pittsburgh.

—The Inner Mission movement in Pittsburgh is growing. A Luther Hospice for young men will be opened this month. Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D.D., of St. Paul, has been called as superintendent of Inner Mission work.

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Cleveland.

—A new General Synod Mission has been organized in the Glenville district, with forty charter members. Rev. Harold B. Ernsberger has charge of the field, and the prospects are bright.

Dayton.

—The mission work in the east side of this city culminated in the organization of a church on August 4. Rev. D. Frank Garland, D.D., conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Chas. R. Streamer. Twenty-two persons were received into membership. There are seventy-eight in the Sunday School.

St. Paul.

—A new Swedish Lutheran congregation has been organized in West St. Paul, with fifty communicants. The congregation was gathered and organized through the efforts of Rev. A. Noren. For the present the congregation will have services only on Sunday afternoons in one of the other churches in that part of the city. A committee has been appointed with a view of securing a lot and making efforts for a church home.

Minneapolis.

—A Norwegian Hospital is to be erected on Riverside Drive, where a site has already been purchased. A friend of the institution, whose name is not made public, has donated to it $150,000.

Duluth.

—The Finnish Lutheran congregation in this city has purchased several lots on which they expect to build in the near future a church and parsonage. As soon as this is done the congregation will sell its present location. The new place is located more in the vicinity of the Finnish part of the city.

Charleston.

—A property has been purchased and a new hospital is to be opened in this city. Mr. C. D. Francke, about fifteen years ago, left $35,000 to Lutheran churches in Charleston for this purpose, and with this fund the hospital is now being established.

Miscellaneous.

—E. F. Eilert, A.M., editor of The Review, is recovering from a mild attack of typhoid fever which has kept him confined to his home for nearly a month.

—Information has been received that Dr. Harpster is recovering nicely from the injury he received and has returned to Rajahmundry.

—The efforts of Rev. M. J. Bieber, field missionary, to plant a church at Galt, Ont., Canada, culminated August 21, when a congregation of nearly 100 members was organized.

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—A Slovak Lutheran congregation was organized three years ago in Northampton, Pa., the Rev. J. H. Kuder, pastor. Today it reports a membership of 500, and a new church erected at a cost of $10,000.

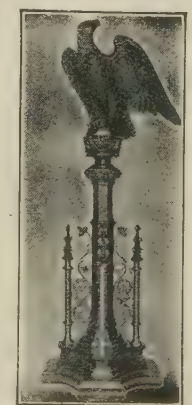
—President Morehead, of Roanoke College, has received a check for $1,000 from Mr. John H. Converse, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, as a gift to the endowment fund of Roanoke College.

—The Home for the Aged of Augustana Synod, at Joliet, Ill., has received another gift amounting to $3,000 from a friend in Wataga, Ill.

—An experimental summer school for teachers of the graded system of Sunday School instruction, held on the campus of Muhlenberg College last month, proved entirely successful. The enrollment reached 293, and by vote they petitioned that the summer school be continued. Dr. Theodore E. Schmauk was the instructor in a series of daily foundational studies, and Rev. Charles L. Fry gave a course of synthetic outlines covering the Bible, as a whole.

The central feature of each day was a practical demonstration of model grade-work. The evenings were devoted to recreative entertainments, including an exquisite rendition of Palestrina music, under the leadership of Prof. C. A. Marks, who also conducted a chorus drill in standard Sunday School hymnology every morning. The cost of tuition, board, lodging, etc., was less than a dollar a day.

—A society has been organized in Madrid, Ia., for the purpose of raising $10,000 to establish a Lutheran Home for the Aged.



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To all Luther League Treasurers:

The treasury of the Luther League of America is in a very depleted condition, and at the last meeting of the Finance Committee the Secretary was instructed to insert in "The Luther League Review" a request to all treasurers to forward promptly all monies due the National League.

Your prompt co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

James M. Reynolds, Secretary.

NEW YORK.

—The Luther League of New York State will hold its annual convention at Syracuse, September 29, 30 and 31. Full particulars are published in another column.

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New York City District.

—This month begins the first year's work of a recently organized institution of great importance to the Church, namely, the "Lutheran Society of Columbia University." This society was organized for the purposes, as set forth in the constitution, "of promoting the interest and honor of the Lutheran Church among the members, as well as in the University and community at large; of encouraging in the members an acquaintance with spiritual and religious thought and movement in general, and the magnificent history and beautiful character of the Lutheran Church in particular; and of strengthening the bond which unites all Lutherans in their common inheritance of inspiring tradition and simple humble worship of our Lord and Saviour." The officers are: President, Bennett Davis, of Buffalo, N. Y.; vice president, R. F. Bach, of New York; secretary, Paul Weaver, of Brooklyn; treasurer, Immanuel Luehrs, of Jersey City.

Mohawk Valley District.

—The Mohawk Valley District League will hold its convention in October, in Trinity Church, Amsterdam, Rev. G. W. Fritsch, pastor.

Buffalo District.

—The Buffalo District League held a very inspiring and interesting rally, September 1, in connection with Buffalo's "Old Home Week."

CONNECTICUT.

—The Connecticut State Luther League held its second annual picnic and outing on July 25 at Hanover Park, Meriden. This park is as near the central part of the State as any other suitable park.

Leagues from the following cities attended: New Haven, Hartford, New Britain, Rockville and Meriden.

The journey was made by electric car. The most of the day was spent in athletic sports. The cultivation of acquaintance and friendship, and the promotion of the interests of our Church and League thereby were not overlooked.

The outing was a success in every way. The attendance surpassed that of last year. The executive and extension committees held meetings for the consideration of several important matters. The extension committee will make a strong effort to increase the membership of the State League this year.

It was resolved to celebrate Luther Day in New Britain.

—In the death of Mr. Victor Rosenweig, of New Britain, on June 23, the Luther League of this city sustained a severe loss. His associates in the League recorded their appreciation of his character and work in a fitting memorial.

PENNSYLVANIA

Schuylkill County District.

—The District Luther League of Schuylkill County, held its fourteenth annual convention in Zion's Lutheran Church, Tamaqua, the Rev. Geo. Gebert, pastor, on September 2. Mr. Allen N. Stewart, Quakake, was re-elected president; Miss Mary Kleckner, Tamaqua, secretary; Mrs. A. N. Stewart, Quakake, statistical secretary, and Mr. A. T. Miller, Pottsville, treasurer.

Miss Annie Weissflog, Frackville, delivered an address on the Topic, "The Childless Home and the Homeless Child." Miss Emma J. Reed, Hegins, read a paper on "Is Uniformity in Our Luther Leagues Absolutely Necessary?" Miss Della Donges, Pottsville, read a paper, "What Is An Ideal Luther League?"

There was an informal discussion on "The League's Attitude Toward European Lutherans in Schuylkill County," which was followed by the passing of a resolution ordering the secretary to draw an order on the treasurer for the sum of $15 in favor of the Pennsylvania Ministerium's committee, who have the mission work

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among the Slovaks in charge. The Rev. Dr. O. P. Smith, of Pottstown, Pa., delivered an address at the vesper service.

Berks County District.

—The fifty-fifth quarterly convention of the District Luther League of Berks County was held in Zion's Lutheran Church, at Womelsdorf, July 12. The morning session began at 10 o'clock, with a full attendance of delegates and visitors. Over 100 were present. Sixteen congregations were represented.

The devotional exercises were in charge of Rev. Dr. F. F. Buermeyer, of Reading. Amos Hassler, president of Zion's Luther League, delivered the address of welcome. Dr. E. W. Mentzer, president of the District Luther League, responded.

The business session included the reception and consideration of reports from the officers, committees and local Leagues. The topic, "Christian Liberty," was presented by Harry Fisher, of Sinking Spring, with remarks by Rev. Early. Rev. A. Stimle, of Allentown, delivered an address.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock with devotional services led by the Rev. A. Johnson Long, of Stouchsburg. These topics were presented: "The Christian in Civic Life," by Chas. Rhoads; "Civic Righteousness" was discussed by John Early and Geo. M. Jones; "The Effect of the Declaration of Independence on Lutheranism," Rev. H. C. Kline, Hamburg; address, "Foreign-Born Lutherans as American Citizens," Rev. Charles J. Gable, of Lansford.

In the evening a vesper service was held. Rev. O. E. Pflueger, pastor loci, officiated. Rev. Charles Fry, of Philadelphia, delivered an address.

It was decided to send delegates to the State Convention at Allentown, September 24 and 25. There will be an attendance of about 100 from Berks.

It was decided to hold the next convention at Boyertown, on Thursday, October 10.

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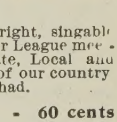

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NEW JERSEY

—Mr. Clarence Kline, corresponding secretary of the State League of New Jersey, has removed from the State. The president has appointed Miss M. S. Burkeman, 332 Fulton street, Elizabeth, to fill the vacancy. Steps are being considered to organize a District League in the southern part of New Jersey. This will be the first District League in the State. The subject is in the hands of the Rev. Walter Veit and the extension committee, of which the Rev. Krapf is chairman. President Heindel is planning to hold a rally in October, when the District League subject will be discussed and plans formulated so that definite action may be taken at the approaching convention. It is believed such a rally would be a good thing to inspire enthusiasm for the convention. The place at which to hold the rally has not been definitely decided.

CANADA

—The Luther League of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Galt, Ont., was organized with twenty charter members on August 22, one day after the organization of the congregation. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected: President, Herbert Seyfert; vice president, Irwin Ritz; recording secretary, Miss Heise; corresponding secretary, Miss Laura Vollmer; treasurer, Miss Hilda Kischel; organist, Miss Martz. Monthly business and social meetings are held. The dues are 10 cents a month. Devotional services for the study of the "Topics" are held every Wednesday evening. The League is introducing "The Review" into the home of every member and every member will wear the ribbon or badge or willingly pay a forfeit. The members are enthusiastic and the League is growing in numbers and interest. It is proposed to have the Lutheran pastors in the surrounding cities and towns address the League from time to time.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

—The first annual meeting of the Luther League of the District of Columbia will be held on Tuesday evening, September 24, in Zion Lutheran Church, Sixth and P streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., Rev. C. F. Bergner, pastor. The principal address will be made by the Rev. Wm. J. Miller, D.D., of Greensburg, Pa., and the music will be rendered by a combined chorus from the various local Leagues connected with the District organization, under the leadership of Prof. Raphael Koester, organist of St. John's Church. Other details of an interesting program are being arranged by the executive committee, and the indications are promising an enthusiastic gathering of young Lutherans of the National Capital. This District League was organized on March 12 of this year.

—The Luther League of Zion's Lutheran Church, Washington, D. C., pledged $500 toward the church debt, on the day of the dedication of their new and beautiful house of worship. This church is quite an ornament to the northwest section of the National Capital and to Lutheranism. The new building was consecrated Whitsunday. The structure is of Port Deposit granite, 72 by 40 feet, and cost about $28,000, though it looks as if it might have cost $50,000. It is churchly throughout. The interior is a perfect gem. Much credit has been given to the building committee and the pastor, Rev. C. F. Bergner. The Class of Catechumens of 1905 presented a beautiful altar and a brass cross, and now they have purchased a handsome oak pulpit and lecturn. The Willing Workers presented beautiful Trinity altar and pulpit vestments, besides pledging $100.

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—A Luther League has been organized in the church at Bryan. During the summer Mr. Alvan E. Bell, a senior at Wittenberg Theological Seminary, has done the minister's work.

ILLINOIS

Chicago District.

—The Luther League of Chicago held its annual lake excursion in July. The steamer Theodore Roosevelt carried about 500 young Lutherans and their friends to Michigan City, Ind.

MICHIGAN

—The Luther Leagues of the Ishpeming District, Augustana Synod, held their third annual convention at Marquette, July 10 and 11,

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with all the associated Leagues represented. Reports of officers indicated health and activity among the societies. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. André, of Marquette, re-elected; vice president, Rev. S. Bergdahl, of Negaunee; secretary, Mr. Rydberg, of Ishpeming; treasurer, Miss Sigrid Johnson, of Iron Mountain, re-elected.

MINNESOTA.

The ninth annual convention of the Luther League of Minnesota will be held in Salem English Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., October 15, 16 and 17, 1907. It is earnestly requested that all Lutheran Young People's Societies in the State send delegates to this convention. Each society conected with the State League is entitled to three delegates. Come and give your encouragement and good will to this noble work. Your presence is desired.

Adelia Monsen, Cor. Sec.

IOWA

—The sixth annual convention of the Northwestern Iowa District Luther League was held at the Union State Line Lutheran Church August 23, 24 and 25. Friday evening was given to a reception to visiting delegates. Saturday afternoon was taken up with reports from officers, election of officers and transaction of other business.

The program for the afternoon session included papers on "Church Unity," by Miss Gunda Garo; "The Luther League as a Power for Good," by Miss Sophia Opheim; "Deepening the Spiritual Life," by Miss Nalsine Nasby, and "The Second Generation of Lutherans," by Carl Helgin. All were discussed in open session. On Sunday, Prof. L. W. Boe, of Forest City, Ia., was the principal speaker. In the morning there was a sermon and an offering for the mission, amounting to $57. On Sunday afternoon "The Object of the Luther League, Socially" was discussed by Miss Anna Thonson; "The Trials and Faith of Abraham," by Asher Nasby; "To Render to the Church Such Aid as May Be in Its Power," by Harry Tosdal. All these papers were very well prepared and interesting. In the evening Professor Boe delivered an address on the text, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than dwell in the tents of the wicked." His remarks were well received and appreciated.

The State Line and Ruthven Choirs furnished music during the convention.

Delegates were present from six Leagues. Every one felt that the convention was a success in every way and all were grateful to Rev. T. C. Thompson and his congregation for the hospitality shown.

—The Luther League of the Iowa Conference of the Augustana Synod will hold its annual convention in Sioux City, September 27-29.

NEBRASKA.

—The fourth annual convention of the Wakefield District, Augustana Synod, League, was held July 10, at Wausa. Rev. J. P. Borg, pastor. Rev. G. A. Ostergren, of Concord, and Rev. J. A. Ekholm, from Sweden, delivered addresses. A revision of the constitution was authorized. Rev. C. A. Lindahl is president.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

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There are so many ways of giving point and benefit to a meeting, that a constant variety can be, if preferred, carried forward. An evening of devotional service may be followed by others of study of hymns, examination of moral questions, readings from the history of the Church at large or at home, varied with recitations, music, choral, instrumental or soloist, social intercourse and the like.

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